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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of :  
Karl SKJONNEMAND ET AL. : Group Art Unit.: 2871  
Serial No.: 10/522,170 : Examiner: CHUNG, David Y.  
Filed: January 24, 2005 :  
Title: NEGATIVE RETARDATION FILM

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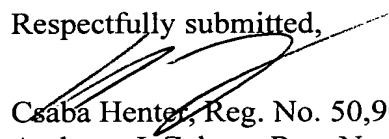
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2006, applicants elect with traverse Group I (species I), claims 1, 4, 5 and 8-11. The traversal is on the basis that the PTO has not established that it would pose an undue burden to examine the full scope of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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